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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S TEHRAN VISIT

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1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR PAID UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO TEHRAN

JUNE 28-30 (REF

A). TRIP FOCUSED ON IRANIAN-SENEGALESE
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND COINCIDED WITH TEN-DAY MEETING
OF PRINCIPALS OF IRASENCO (IRANIAN SENEGALESE OIL COMPANY). RET-

URNING TO DAKAR (BY WAY OF LIBREVILLE OAU MEETING) ON
JULY 5, SENGHOR DISCUSSED VISIT WITH REPORTERS AT AIRPORT.
CHOOSING HIS WORDS WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE EXTREME CARE,
SENGHOR SAID HE AND SHAH HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON
"REDYNAMIZATION" OF PROPOSED IRANIAN-SENEGALESE NEW TOWN/
INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF KEUR FARAH PAHLAVI. HE ADDED THAT
IRASENCO WOULD TAKE FINANCIAL SHARE OF SOCIETE AFRICAINE
DE RAFFINAGE (SAR), OPERATOR OF SENEGAL'S ONLY EXISTING OIL
REFINERY, CREATING A NEW ENTITY TO CONSTRUCT PROPOSED
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REFINERY AT KEUR FARAH PAHLAVI. SENGHOR SAID IRANIANS
WOULD UNDERWRITE HALF COST OF STUDIES AND HALF OF
FINANCING FOR PORT SEDAR. HE ASSURED CABINET IN JULY 12
MEETING THAT "IMPORTANT PROGRESS" HAD BEEN MADE IN TEHRAN.
DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL ADDS THT PLANS FOR PHOSPHATE MINE
AND PHOSPHORIC ACID PLANT WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

2. COMMENT: IRASENCO ADMINISTRATOR DIARAF DIOUF AND IBRD OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED TEHRAN MEETINGS CONFIRM SOME PROGRESS MADE IN TALKS BUT PROJECT WILL NOW APPARENTLY GO INTO ANOTHER HOLDING PATTERN TO AWAIT RESULTS OF IBRD FEASIBILITY STUDY COVERING TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLEX, CONCENTRATING ON PORT IN PARTICULAR. IRANIANS REPORTEDLY INSISTED ON SUCH A STUDY AND MADE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PORT CONTINGENT ON ITS OUTCOME. DIOUF RETURNED TO DAKAR VOICING NEW OPTIMISM BUT NOW APPEARS TO BE MOST PREOCCUPIED WITH WORK ON RESIDENTIAL PHASE OF PROJECT, TALKING OF CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND HOUSING UNITS AS INITIAL STAGE. THIS MAY BE REFLECTION OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S EVIDENT PERSONAL INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD ON PLANS FOR NEW TOWN WHILE STUDIES ON OTHER ASPECTS ARE TAKING PLACE. NEXT ROUND OF IRASENCO TALKS IS SCHEDULED FOR DAKAR.
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